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In re the Application of

Colin Charles Owen GOBLE

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- ☒ 2. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search reports are attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 3. A co-pending U.S. patent application is identified on Form PTO 1449 of this Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.
- ☒ 4. References 1-13 were cited in the foreign search reports.

- ☒ 5. References 14-48 were cited in related co-pending U.S. patent applications 09/984,252 and 10/186,710.

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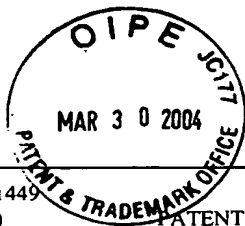
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